would certainly have to be paid the required charges,and hence it is but doing justice to the Tramway Department to credit it with the charges on account of the timber transported for the Forest Department just as in the case of any private body, but with this difference that here the amount need only be debited and credited to the respective accounts by a mere book adjustment instead of in cash. The position has, I hope, nowbecome clear. On account of the higher amounts fetched by the sale of lands, larger revenue from fisheries, etc., an increase in revenue of Rs. 35,500 is expected under 'Land Revenue' over the budget estimate of Rs. 12,09,100, while, on account of increased collections, 'Abkari and Ganja' is expected to bring in an enhanced revenue of Rs. 36,200 over the budget estimate. Again, the revised estimate under 'Public Works' is anticipated to exceed the budget estimate of Rs. 1,93,400 by Rs. 30,600 mainly due to the increased receipt under 'Tolls'. Against these increases falls in revenue are also expected under a few heads like 'Education', 'Interest', 'Tobacco', etc., the reasons for which have been explained in the memorandum. I think that it is hardly necessary to go over the same ground by a repetition of the same here.

Disbursements.

Owing to the strict control exercised over expenditure, it is a matter for congratulation that the demands for supplementary grants have been few this year and that the total expenditure, as already stated, is not expected to exceed the budget provision by more than Rs. 91,800 according to the revised estimate which is a forecast, pure and simple, and which after all may not go to that amount when the actuals come.

Foremost among the heads showing substantial rise in expenditure comes 'Forests' with an increase of Rs. 1,05,900 over the budget estimate of Rs. 2,16,900 mainly due to the provision for the transport charges of timber by Tramway for adjustment to that head which has already been explained in detail above. 'Miscellaneous' comes next with an increase of Rs. 44,600 over the budget estimate of Rs. 87,300 on account of the larger expenditure under 'Subscriptions and Donations' and 'Entertainment of State Guests' as also due to the appointment of a Special Officer and staff for Harbour and Railways besides the recent flood relief operations for which a sum of Rs. 10,000 has been sanctioned under 'Miscellaneous and Unforeseen charges'. The appointment of the Special Officer for Harbour, etc., terminated at the beginning of Edavam last and most of the staff excepting a clerk and a peon disbanded. Though our State has always been a favoured daughter of Nature,

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it is sorry to contemplate that she has been seriously afflicted by floods once more and that, so soon after the unprecedented calamity of 1099. The inundation of our rivers, the breach along the railway line, the dislocation of communication between the northern and the southern parts of the State, the submersion of houses and crops under water with the consequent distress and the veritable deluge that descended for three or four days during the early part of the last month—all these at one time seemed to recall the sad memories of 1099, and it was feared that the calamity would again be repeated; but, thanks to that same Benign Power, no serious catastrophe has befallen us this time. However, relief measures as supply of food and shelter to all those in distress were promptly attended to by Government and an additional allotment of Rs. 10,000 has been separately set apart for the purpose. Government are also taking steps to avoid such calamities, if possible, or at least, to minimise the effects thereof. Under 'Charities' the revised estimate is fixed at Rs. 96,500 as against the budget estimate of Rs. 52,600 mainly on account of the contribution for water supply made in accordance with His Highness's birthday announcement. The special allotment of Rs. 50,000 granted for the purpose by His Gracious Highness our Maharaja has been so distributed as to see that water supply is made in all places where scarcity was being keenly felt. It had been a standing grievance that the Trichur Town was suffering on this account during the hot weather—a grievance that had often found its echo in the Council Chamber also. A sum of Rs. 25,000 was, therefore, allotted for the supply of drinking water to this town and with what conspicuous success the problem which has been baffling successive experts and administrators was solved in no time, as in the case of Nemmara, by our energetic Member for 'Public Works' is too well known to you all. The Ayilur village was the next locality where water scarcity was being keenly felt and a sum of Rs. 10,000 was set apart for this. Out of the balance of Rs. 15,000, a sum of Rs. 5,000 was specially allotted for water supply among the depressed classes and the remaining among the Panchayats—with a special reference to Tiruvilluamala. Another head showing notable increase over the budget allotment is 'Uplift of the Depressed Classes' the revised estimate under which is fixed at Rs. 17,800 more than that in the budget estimate (Rs. 55,500) due to the high acquisition charges for the lands required for some colonies, increased grants-in-aid and cost of feeding Pulaya pupils, construction of a larger number of Bhajana Mutts, etc. Against these increases, there are a few heads estimating

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appreciable decreases, the most notable among which is 'Public Works ' which anticipates a saving of Rs. 1,07,200 out of the budget allotment of Rs. 14,30,000 chiefly due to the non-utilisation of a large portion of the amount provided under 'Irrigation.' 'Education' too anticipates a decrease in expenditure of Rs. 20,800 as compared with the budget estimate of Rs. 13,09,200 mainly on account of savings under ' Establishment '.

To sum up—the improvement in the revenue position to which I have already alluded and the vigilant control exercised over expenditure will, it is anticipated according to our revised estimates, leave us with a surplus of Rs. 12,80,200 as against Rs. 2,89,800 expected at the time of preparing the budget estimates for the current year.

Budget estimates of 1105.

From this vantage point, I shall now proceed to consider our anticipations of revenue for the coming year and the manner in which we propose to utilise them for the public services. Based, of course, on the assumption that such vicissitudes of Nature as the floods that threatened us in the current year would not repeat themselves so as to affect our revenue or expenditure next year, we are budgetting for a revenue of Rs. 86,09,100 and an expenditure of Rs. 85,36,000 which would leave us a small surplus of Rs. 73,100 at the close of the year. As compared with the revised estimate, the revenue, no doubt, shows a decrease of Rs. 1,79,300 and the reasons for the same will be explained in the proper place. The expenditure, on the other hand, is fixed at Rs. 10,27,800 more than that in the revised estimate of the current year to meet all the possible requirements of the people.

Receipts.

Coming to details—As already explained by me before, I think it would not be proper to follow the revised estimate of the current year in fixing the budget estimate under 'Customs' in the face of the fall in the amount realised during the year as compared with that of the previous year. It has, therefore, been fixed at Rs. 12,00,000 based on the average of the realisations during these three years. Under ' Railway ' the budget estimate has been fixed at Rs. 13,00,000 based, more or less, on the actuals of the previous year as against the revised estimate of Rs. 14,00,000 in the current year. ' Land Revenue ' anticipates a decrease of Rs. 22,500 as compared with the revised estimate of Rs. 12,44,600 ; the special circumstances under which the increase was anticipated in the revised estimate have already been explained. Similarly, under ' Forests ', also a fall in revenue of Rs. 56,500 from the revised estimate of

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